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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I writing to urge you to support the recent settlement created between the government and Microsoft. This prolonged period of court battles has sapped energy that could be better put into moving ahead in our economy.

This agreement allows manufacturers to compete on a more even footing while not penalizing Microsoft too greatly for their part in the vast technological revolution that has made life better for all Americans.

America has been a country of innovation and we need companies that can afford to and will spend money and time to bring new products to market. Microsoft has done this in the past and is eager to continue doing so if they are not unduly constrained. Our economy is sadly strained; our young people are out of work. Please do what you can to settle this issue and let us all get back to pulling ahead.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kehayes